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Army Units in Kyustendil

1. The following Army units are stationed in Kyustendil:
 - a. An unidentified Antiaircraft Artillery unit; its barracks are located in the west part of the town, on the north side of the Gyueshevo (N 42-14, E 22-28) road adjacent to the Girls' high School and opposite the barracks of an infantry unit; the unit allegedly has 500 soldiers; 10 tractor-drawn antiaircraft guns of unspecified caliber have been observed; and
 - b. An unidentified infantry unit, located on the south side of the Gyueshevo road and opposite the Antiaircraft Artillery unit.

11 Border Guard Otryad, Podelenie 6162

2. The 11 Border Guard Otryad unit, Podelenie 6162, with headquarters in Kyustendil, is quartered in barracks located one kilometer south of the Sofia-Gyueshevo road and the center of Kyustendil and approximately 600 meters east of the barracks of the infantry unit stationed at Kyustendil. The barracks area, 300 meters long and 150 meters wide, is enclosed with barbed wire on three sides, while the fourth side borders on a pine forest. A street runs from the barracks area gate to the town. Five 1-story buildings are located in the area. The buildings, 30 meters long and 7 meters wide, are of equal size and are used as follows:
 - a. Three buildings as barracks;
 - b. One building as a storehouse; and
 - c. One building as a stable.

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Two of the buildings are new and were constructed in 1951.

3. The headquarters of 11 Border Guard Otryad is located in a building 200 meters south of the town square. By 4 October 1951, the 11 Border Guard Otryad had 300 to 320 soldiers from the 1928, 1929, 1930, and 1931 classes. Recruits were organized as follows:

- a. The 1931 class formed the training battalion;
- b. The 1930-1929 classes formed the reserve and supply companies; and
- c. The 1928 class were squad and deputy platoon leaders in the training battalion.

4. The command personnel was composed of the following:

- a. Twenty-five officers;
- b. Eight senior sergeants; and
- c. Five sergeants.

25X15. [redacted] officers and noncommissioned officers in
25X1 11 Border Guard Otryad:

- 25X1 a. Lieutenant Colonel DIMITROV [redacted] commanding officer
of 11 Otryad, member of the Communist Party;

- 25X1 b. Major PENOVSKI, [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] political officer of the Otryad; before
9 September 1944, he was an officer with the Bulgarian Partisans; and

- 25X1 c. First Lieutenant DIMITROV (Medical Corps) [redacted]

25X1 [redacted]
25X1 commander of the Otryad's infirmary.

6. The 11 Border Guard Otryad was organized as follows:

- a. A training battalion, Podelenie 6120-y; composed mainly of recruits from the 1931 class and of some "stragglers" from older classes; three months training period; the battalion was composed of the following three companies:

- (1) The 1 Company, Podelenie 6120-y1; approximately 90 men, five officers, one senior sergeant, and two junior sergeants; its weapons were approximately the same as 2 Company listed below;
- (2) The 2 Company, Podelenie 6120-y2; approximately 90 men, five officers, one senior sergeant, and one sergeant; the company was armed with the following weapons:
 - (a) Fifty long Vintovka rifles;
 - (b) Forty Mauser rifles;
 - (c) One Degtyarev light machine gun;
 - (d) Nine MG-34 light machine guns;
 - (e) Seven Schmeisser submachine guns, one for each squad leader;
 - (f) Four Shpagin submachine guns; and
 - (g) Five TT pistols for the officers.

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Only blank ammunition had been issued to the companies, and informant did not know the contents of the company's ammunition supply.

(3) The 3 Company, Podelenie 6120-y3; approximately the same composition as 2 Company.

b. A reserve company; 15-20 soldiers from the 1929 and 1930 classes; used mainly for guard duty; no commissioned officers were observed with the reserve company; informant believed the company was so small chiefly because of the difficulty of obtaining quarters for the men; some of the soldiers from the reserve company were sent to Zastavas and Komandaturas for three or four months in order to accommodate recruits from the training battalion; the company was armed with the following weapons:

- (1) Fourteen short Vintovka rifles;
- (2) One Shpagin submachine gun;
- (3) One MG-34 light machine gun;
- (4) One Degtyarev light machine gun;
- (5) Thirty cartridges per man; and
- (6) One hand grenade per man.

No heavy machine guns were observed.

c. A supply unit; 10 enlisted men from the 1929 and 1930 classes, headed by one officer and one senior sergeant; the chief duty of the supply unit was to provide food for the Otryad and the Komandaturas; and

d. An infirmary.

25X1 7. [redacted] officers in 2 Company:

25X1 (a) Lieutenant Ivan Kostov IVANOV [redacted]

25X1 [redacted]

25X1 (b) Senior Sergeant KOSTADINOV [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] member of Communist Party.

25X1 8. The 11 Border Guard Otryad had two trucks and one jeep garaged somewhere in the town of Kyustendil.

25X1 9. [redacted] there are units from 11 Border Guard Otryad stationed at Gyeshevo and Tsurvaritsa (N 42-04, E 22-49). [redacted]

25X1 location of the Otryad's stores of weapons and ammunition, and he has little knowledge of the Komandaturas and Zastavas belonging to 11 Otryad.

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